(c) The ESI Corporation has taken over the ESI Hospital, Rajajinagar, Bangalore to develop it into a Model and referral Hospital for the State of Karnataka.

(d) All secondary care facilities will be provided through this hospital.

(e) The ESI Corporation has issued detailed guidelines for rationalisation of ESI scheme to provide satisfactory services to the beneficiaries and the State Government is in the process of rationalisation.

(f)The ESI Corporation has sanctioned Modern Equipment worth Rs. 105.50 lakhs to upgrade the ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries in Karnataka during 200304.

Fixed term contractual employment

299. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce fixed term contactual employment in place of permanent jobs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) A proposal to amend the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946 to include "Fixed Term Employment Workman" in the Schedule of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 and Model Standing Orders annexed to the Industrial Emloyment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946 is under consideration of the Government at present.

A fixed term employment workman will be engaged on the basis of contract of employment for a fixed period. However, his working hours, wages, allowances and other benefits shall not be less than that of a permanent workman. He shall also be eligible for all statutory benefits available to a permanent workman proportionately according to the period of service rendered by him even though his period of employment does not extend to the qualifying period of employment.